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Subject comments on Westlake at Mathy's environmental roundtable

Ed Smith, Coalition on the Environment, raised the first question of the evening to Mathy on Westlake landfill. Smith stressed that Westlake is unlined, uncovered and a threat to citizens. He said he also spoke for Congressman Carnahan's concern about the landfill and noted that the Florissant City Council (which had representatives at the meeting) was concerned about the old ROD at the landfill. Mathy said EPA is taking a look at the data and the science will drive the selected solution. He said he had talked with you, and "we look forward to making a decision."

Florissant City Council president said the municipality passed its first resolution seeking total removal of radioactive waste from the landfill in 2007. Florissant continues to be very concerned about the possibility of groundwater contamination.

Kay Drey told Mathy St. Louis has the oldest radioactive waste in the country. All of the other Manhattan Project radioactive waste is being cleaned up or has been removed by the Corps of Engineers she said. She contended the drinking water downstream is threatened by the waste in Westlake.

Another person, not identified, said even if the EPA puts a cap on the waste, the "groundwater will move underneath. There are several hot spots in the landfill that will be hot forever."

Mathy repeated his earlier comment. Data and science will drive the selected solution. He made no commitment to one solution over another.

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